

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Application of Sham Chopra

: Group Art Unit: TBA

Appln. No.: TBA

: Examiner: TBA

Filed: TBA

:

For: **CHEMICAL DELIVERY DEVICE**

:

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

**PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXAMINATION PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN NEW APPLICATION—  
ACCELERATED EXAMINATION**

Applicant requests the accompanying application be examined under the rules for accelerated examination contained in MPEP §708.02(VIII). The requisite petition fee as sent forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is enclosed.

In the event this petition is granted and a restriction requirement is made by the Examiner, Applicants will elect claims grouped with claim 1 without traverse.

One pre-examination search was made in the U.S. Patent Office of class 424/subclasses 468, 472, 473, 474, 475, 479, 480, 481, 482. A second search of Chemical Abstracts, USPATFUL, Derwent WPI (class A61K), the European Patent Office (class A61K9/20-32: pills with coating and controlled release) and US classification 424/480 was carried out. Search terms for the latter search include: controlled release, (shaped) core, (partial, external etc.) polymer coating, aperture, hole, etc., planar (release) face/surface. A second pre-examination search was made in the U.S. Patent Office of class/subclass 424/468, 472, 473, 474, 475, 479, 480, 481 and 482 for insoluble coatings containing water-soluble pore-forming materials

As required in section (E) a comparison of the prior art with the present invention which distinguishes the present invention from the closest prior art has been included. Copies

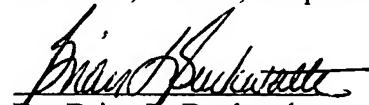
03/07/2002 SZEWDIE1 00000025 10085234

of the cited patent documents have been enclosed as part of an Information Disclosure Statement.

**REMARKS**

Applicants believe that the requirements for accelerated examination under §708.02(VIII) have been met and respectfully request favorable review of this petition. The requisite fees are enclosed, however, in the event, the fee tendered herewith is deemed incorrect, authority is hereby given to charge any such deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165 Mathews, Collins, Shepherd & McKay, P.A. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mathews, Collins, Shepherd & McKay, P.A.

  
By: Brian L. Buckwalter  
Registration No. 46,585  
Agent for Applicants

February 28, 2002  
100 Thanet Circle, Suite 306  
Princeton, NJ 08540-3662  
Telephone 609-924-8555  
Telecopier 609-924-3036